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TRIAL OF GERALD BROOKE IN MOSCOW

On July 22 the trial of Gerald Brooke, a 27-year old British citizen, started in Moscow. He is charged under article 70 of the RSFSR Criminal Code with conducting anti-Soviet subversive activities. Officials of the State Security Committee with the assistance of Soviet citizens in good time cut short Brooke's subversive activities who fully pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against him. Brooke realised his fault and has regretted that he got in touch with scum who had drawn him into a conflict with Soviet law. He still does not understand how he could have fallen so low.

Meeting With Georgi

In December 1963 Gerald Brooke visited the Collets Russian book shop to look through new books which had been received from Russia. Being a teacher of Russian language and literature in Holborn College, he regularly, at least twice a month, visited the Russian book shop.

Gerald became interested in the Russian language while at school. On finishing school in 1956, he enrolled at the Slavonic Studies Faculty of London University. While preparing to become a teacher of Russian language and literature Brooke visited the Soviet Union at the beginning of 1959 as a member of a group of 19, in accordance with the programme of cultural exchanges and took a post-graduate course in the Philological Faculty of Moscow State University. Another British citizen, Martin Dewherst studied with him in the University. It should be noted that Dewherst was on two occasions expelled from the Soviet Union for subversive anti-Soviet activities. It cannot be said that they were friends. However, as they had arrived in one group and studied at the same University, they often visited each other.